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ALL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FROM "THE OREGONIAN" - Thursday, July 3, 1947

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PILOT RECALLS STRID DISCS.

Dick Rankin tells of odd discs.

More "flying flapjacks" turned up Wednesday, one from no less than Dick Rankin, brother of the late Tex Rankin, and himself an experienced pilot of more than 1,000 hours' flying time.

Rankin, who is recovering from an old back injury received in an automobile accident, came to Portland over the weekend to spend the summer. He saw the "silver saucers" over Bakersfield, Calif., June 25, while lying on the lawn sun bathing, he told the Oregonian.

"I hesitated to say much about them," Rankin said, "until I noted all the hullabaloo in the papers. I pussed over their strange shape for a while and finally concluded that they were the Navy's new flying flapjacks, which are thin and round, with twin propellers and two blades."

ONE WOULD BUILT.

The Navy and the manufacturer have announced officially that only one such machine was built and that it never left Commerciaut.

"These planes were flying high, maybe 2000 feet, and fairly fast, about 300 or 400 miles an hour. I first counted ten of them in formation going north. About 8:15 P.M., they returned on the same course, flying south, but there were only seven in the formation.

"They were not weaving or bobbing in formation; I couldn't make the number or location of their propellers and couldn't distinguish the wings or tail. They appeared almost round. They looked like the Navy's flying flapjack," Rankin said.

Rankin, who plans to spend the summer here at the conclusion of his able to resume a little flying for fun, but not commercially, he said. He now operates a flying auto-scouting, spending his time in Palm Springs.

TWO DESCRIPTIONS CHECK.

Rankin's description of the mysterious aerial objects agreed with that of Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Idaho, business man, who first reported them over the State of Washington, except that Arnold clocked them at an estimated 1,000 miles an hour.

Other reports came Wednesday from Astoria. Mrs. Hayes Jackson in St. Mary's hospital there, said he saw two of the discs Monday night, both went at a rapid speed and that they vanished behind the hills. Mrs. Mrs. Terri Beede, Fort Stevens, said she saw a light flying over Fort Stevens Tuesday noon, and that other observers saw the same object. The Army at Fort Stevens and the coast guard at Point Wilson did not see the discs.

The report of a Centralia, Wash., man Wednesday coincided in many respects with the original report made by Arnold. Sidney D. Ballinger of Centralia said he saw nine aluminum-hued objects flying northeast at 7 P.M. He was working 11 miles southwest of Mineral, Wash., at the time.

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Washington I realized that the articles that I saw were probably the same thing. I was still reluctant to mention this to anyone thinking that they would probably say that I was crazy. After some time I mentioned the incident to the [redacted] or the "Dragonion", a Portland, Oregon newspaper. At this time I was in Portland for the remainder of the summer. The results of the conversation with the [redacted] of the paper is put forth in the accompanying newspaper article.

I fully realize that this is a broad statement in view of the fact that there has been so much publicity [redacted] put forth in various news-papers of the country. I am of sound mind in every respect and I am firmly convinced that the articles I saw are actually some sort of flying machines. Although I cannot say from where they came or to where they were going, I may [redacted] what I have said with no idea of publicity or personal gain.

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30 July 1947

On 20 July 1947

Portland, Oregon was interviewed by this agent and stated as follows:

"My name is [redacted]. I am 27 years old and have flown since I was ten years old. I first soloed in an aircraft in 1939. I have flown over all the western parts of the United States many times and have mapped all of the western part of the United States during the years before the last war for the US Forest Service. I am familiar with almost every part of the western United States. During a great part of my life I have done stunt flying for air shows and various other types of aeronautical exhibitions. My brother was [redacted] who was quite well known in both civilian and military flying circles for many years before his death, during the late war ran thousands of flying events through primary training schools owned and operated by him. To date I have accomplished 7000 hours in the air as pilot of both civilian and military aircraft. I am well acquainted with most articles that one would see in the air and I feel that I am well qualified to say when I see articles flying through the air, although I would not attempt to say that I am infallible and state that I could definitely identify every object that might be flying through the air. The following is an account of what I saw on 14 June 1947 from the yard of my home at [redacted] Eugenefield, Oregon.

At approximately 1:200 noon on the 14 of June I was lying in the front yard of my home. There was a lad mowing the lawn at the time. I looked up into the sky and saw ten articles flying from the South to the North at what I could judge to be 8500 ft. The objects were flying at approximately 500 ft. I could judge to be 350 miles per hour. As I have stated before, I have done quite a lot of our work for the US Forest Service. I distinctly remember that at the time I saw the articles I mentioned it to the lad who was mowing the lawn at the time. I told the lad that the objects were in all probability some sort of Army or Navy test planes from the nearby test centers in the deserts of Southern California. Having quite a knowledge of aircraft in general I attempted to explain to the lad mowing the lawn that the objects were probably on some sort of training mission for either the Army or Navy. At that time I did not give the slightest thought to anything but that the objects were some sort of test plane for the Government services. The other resembling the pictures that I have seen of the XPG-1, the so called Flying Flapjack [redacted] that the Navy is testing. After the objects disappeared I proceeded into the house and had my noon meal. At approximately 1:15 I went back into the yard to sit and lie in the shade. At this time the objects reappeared flying from South to North, although this time there were only seven of the articles. When I first saw the original ten objects they were flying in a V formation with one object seemingly standing in the rear of the formation. When the objects appeared in second time they were still in the V formation although there was only seven of the objects at this time. I remember at this time that I told the lad, who was still working on the lawn, that probably three of the objects had proceeded back to their base on a direct course. I actually thought that this was the case, that the other four objects had probably gone back to their base on the other side of the frontiersfield, or went on so later when I had a chance to go out flying flying through the air over the deserts and

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
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August 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of "Flying Discs"

TO: Special Agent in Charge, FBI, U. S. Dept of Justice, Suite 426,
411 Sutter Street, San Francisco 4, California.

Inclosed herewith is information copy of MOIC and newspaper
clipping re subject.

WILLIAM R. GRAHAM

2 Inccls:

1. MOIC Borenson 7 Jul 47.

2. Newspaper clipping dtd

5 Jul 47.

Major, Air Corps

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San Francisco 4, Calif.

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From the Oregon Journal - continued.

1000 SEEN LATER

Several late flights of objects over Portland were reported Friday afternoon. J. A. Evans, 3435 SW Macadam avenue, said he saw three fly east across the Willamette River near the Ross Island bridge about 2 p.m. The objects did not appear high, he said, and were traveling so fast that, appearing in the west, they were out of sight in the east in two to four seconds. He said they resembled metallic disks glinting in the sunlight at night. His wife and neighbors saw a single disk-like object flying north far away and very high.

At 4:30 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence J. Hayward, 3124 NE 21st Avenue, reported sighting a disk "like a new dime flipping around" in the air over the Sandy district. She said it seemed to be moving slowly.

PAPER RECOVERED.

Thomas W. Dwyer, 1232 NE 69th Avenue, said he sighted two white or silver objects flying southeast high over Portland a few minutes before 5 p.m. He reported another headed northeast, over his home at 6:30 p.m. C. J. Magie, Tigard, reported that four disks flew past Mount Jefferson about 11 a.m. while he was driving near Redmond.

Sherman Cook, 2000 NE 45th Avenue, recovered from Rose City golf course a piece of paper he said had fallen from a great height in the sky. Time of its fall coincided with some of the reports of flying disks. The paper, of low quality, measured 23 x 38 inches.

SILVERED DISKS DROPPED BY PLANE.

OREGON, July 5. (AP) - A Eugene railroad cashier said Friday he saw silvered disks being dropped out of a light airplane flying over him only 100 feet above ground. S. E. Smith, No. 2, Rogers, an assistant cashier for the Southern Pacific Railroad, said he was driving on a Eugene street when

FROM THE OREGON JOURNAL - 5 July 1947 Portland, Oregon

AIRLINES' CREW CONFIRMS REPORTS OF FLYING DISKS; FIVE SPOTTED

Circumstantial reports of flying disks in the sky Friday came from the crew of a United Airlines plane over Boise, Idaho, and a coast guard man near Seattle, as well as from Portland area police and citizens.

John E. Smith, captain of the airliner, told United Press that he sighted five "somethings" which were "thin and smooth on the bottom and rough appearing on top." The objects appeared against the sunset shortly after the plane took off at 8:04 p.m., he said.

"We saw them clearly," he reported. "We followed them in a north-westerly direction for about 45 miles. Finally the objects disappeared. We were unable to tell whether they outpaced us or disintegrated."

NOT AIRCRAFT.

"We can't say whether they were saucer-like, oval or anything else," the captain said, "but whatever they were, they were not another aircraft, nor were they smoke or clouds."

In Seattle, Coast Guardsman Frank Ryman, 27, reported to United Press that he snapped a picture from the front porch of his home which showed a "white saucer" flying over the north end of Lake Washington.

Acme News Pictures, New York City, said a 7x9 inch print of the photograph showed two tiny dots, one of which was a flaw in the print.

Don Metcalfe, 19, Oaks Amusement park employee, reported that he saw several objects "like spinning disks" in the sky Friday. He said several picnickers, including a woman pilot, noticed them.

In Vancouver, Wash., Sheriff's Deputies John Sullivan, Clarence McKay and Fred Krives heard the Portland police radio broadcast and ran out of the sheriff's office to look at the sky. Over Portland, 15 miles away, Sullivan said, they saw 20 to 30 objects like a flight of geese. They heard a low humming sound.

OTHERS DOUBTFUL.

Col. G. R. Johnson, commander of the Oregon national guard, made an inspection of this area from the air after the disks were reported here. He said he saw nothing suspicious.

Only known military airplanes in the air at the time of the reports were 23 B-29 bombers near Astoria.

Despite all the reports, at least two persons remained unconvinced of the existence of the disks. Al P. Sanford, Holgate Avenue, gave his opinion that the objects were cottonwood blossoms.

Burl Bollash, 34, of 6504 N. Burroughs Avenue, telephoned the Journal to berate the newspaper for perpetuating a hoax. He said he saw objects in the sky about a minute after an airplane passed over his house. To him the objects looked like bits of aluminum foil, perhaps cigarette wrappers.

UNEXPLAINED FLYING DISCS

7 July 1947

6. This agent interviewed Mr. W. J. Murphy and P. A. Ellis, both Patrolmen, Portland City Police Department and both possess private pilots' licenses. Both officers advised that upon hearing the radio alert, they saw three flat round discs, having a white color to them. These discs were, according to these officers, flying at a terrific speed in a Southerly direction away from Portland. They described them as flying in a straight line formation, the last disc fluttering very rapidly in a side way arc. They further advised the discs were equally spaced and kept in formation. Both officers estimated the discs altitude at 40,000 feet. They saw no evidence of any motivating powers and vapor trails or smoke trails. Both officers stated these discs were traveling so fast, they were out of sight before any detailed observation could be made, for any sound could be heard.

AGENT'S NOTE: All informants mentioned herein are known to this agent as very dependable and trustworthy officers, not being afflicted with hallucinations. The weather in the Portland area at this time was clear with little or no cloud formations being visible from the ground. Ground temperature at this time was 82 degrees Fahrenheit.

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1 August 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of "Flying Discs"

TO: Special Agent in charge, U. S. Department of Justice, Suite 426,
111 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California.

Forwarded herewith is information copy of statement and newspaper
clipping re subject.

Incls:

1. Statement of [redacted]

ddt 30 Jul 47.

2. Newspaper clipping,

ddt 3 Jul 47.

WILLIAM R. GRAHAM

Major, Air Corps

Deputy AC of S, A-2

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SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Dicks

TO: Special Agent in Charge, FBI, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Suite 200
1180 Market Street, San Francisco, California

Attached FOIC is forwarded for your information.

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FROM THE OREGON JOURNAL - 5 July 1947, Portland, Ore.

"PROWL CARS SPOT DISKS IN SKY HERE"

Whatever they are, there are some disk-like objects flying around in the sky.

Or else eight Portland area policemen and deputy sheriffs who sighted the objects Friday, numerous private citizens, the crew of a Wood Air Lines plane over Boise, Idaho, and a coastguardman who claims to have photographed one near Seattle, are all wrong.

In Portland the alert was sounded over police radio at 11:06 p.m. Friday, after the East Side station received a score of calls that the disks were overhead. Within seconds, two prowler cars reported spotting the mysterious craft.

"FLAPPS SEEN - NOISE LACKING."

First to report in was patrolmen George Hissay and Robert Ellis in car No. 82, who stopped near Lake Park. Both World War II veterans and civilian pilots, they sighted three of the objects within 30 seconds traveling at great height and speed over the park. They reported they heard no engine noise but saw flashes. The objects seemed erratic and changed direction of flight. The patrolmen agreed that without knowledge of the size of the objects it would be impossible to judge their speed or altitude.

Patrolman Karl Patterson in car No. 33 stopped at SE 82d Avenue and Foster road to look eastward from where the disks were reported. Telephone calls located them glowing out of the sun. He saw nothing, but a few seconds later observed one coming out of the west and heading southwest. The craft seemed to be aluminum or glass-like and didn't flash or reflect light, he said.

"OBJECTS UNIDENTIFIED"

A former aircorps veteran, he said the object was unlike any plane he'd ever seen. He thought it appeared radio-controlled because the disk could change direction at a 90-degree angle without difficulty.

Members of the harbor patrol at the foot of NE Irving Street stepped out when they heard the all-car alert. Capt. K. A. Prehn, Harbor Pilot A. G. Austed and Patrolman E. D. Hoff all saw the objects and said they appeared to be going south high over the Globe mills at terrific speed. Capt. Prehn said the flashes kept them from ascertaining whether there were three or six.

"The disks would oscillate and sometimes we would see a full disk, then a half-moon shape, then nothing at all," he reported. "The objects looked more like a shiny pyramidal hub cap or a gear which wobbled, disappeared and reappeared."

"There was a plane in the sky at the time, but it was impossible to tell if the disks were hot planes."

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UNIDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS,
WILLIAMS FIELD, CHANDLER,
ARIZONA

14 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

On 8 July 1947, this Agent obtained pictures of unidentifiable objects, (Exhibits 1 and 2) from the managing editor of the Arizona Republic newspaper. The pictures were taken by Mr. William Rhoads, 4333 N. 14th St., Phoenix, Arizona, at sunset, on 7 July 1947. The subject objects flew, at unconceivable speeds, making three circles in the vicinity of Mr. Rhoads' home. The pictures were taken with a box camera, size 620. The photograph (Exhibit 1) was taken as the object passed in front of Mr. Rhoads, and Exhibit 2 as the object turned towards Mr. Rhoads. The height of the object was estimated at 1000 feet.

AGENT'S NOTES: See Exhibits 1 and 2, photographs of unidentifiable objects, enlarged approximately 20 times. No further reports have been received by this office of objects seen by military personnel.

Lynn C. Aldrich, Special Agent, FIC - MAF, FDTRC

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UNEXPLAINED FLYING DISCS

1 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. At 1305, 1 July 1947, a radio alert was issued via the Portland City Police Radio, advising all ears and listeners that some fast flying objects were in the air over Portland and vicinity. Upon contacting the radio dispatcher, this agent was advised that Kenneth A. McDowell, Patrolman, Portland City Police Department, residing at 916 E. Bush Street, Portland, Oregon, on duty at Precinct #1, Portland City Police, Southeast Morrison at 10th Avenue, had called in advising the dispatcher of the flying objects.
2. This agent interviewed Officer McDowell who stated at approximately 1305, 1 July 1947, he was on duty at Precinct #1, and was in the parking lot back of the Police Station, feeding the pigeons. At this time the pigeons became very excited over something and fluttered in the air all at once. Officer McDowell stated in looking around to see what had disturbed them, he saw five large discs in the air to the East of Portland two discs flying South and three flying in an Easterly direction. Officer McDowell stated he could determine no color to the discs, but advised they were dipping in an up and down oscillating motion and were traveling at a great speed. He was unable to give an estimate of the speed or altitude of these discs as they were out of sight before any detailed observation could be made. Officer McDowell advised he notified the Police Radio who immediately broadcast an alert. Officer McDowell advised he saw no indication of any motivating force or heard no sound coming from these discs and could give no description other than reddish brown.
3. This agent interviewed Sergeant Claude Gross, Oregon State Police Officer on duty at District Number 1 Station, Milwaukie, Oregon. Gross stated upon hearing the radio alert he went outside and upon looking in an Easterly direction he saw three discs following each other at an undetermined altitude and at a terrific speed, traveling in a North-easterly direction. Gross advised he applied a flashlight beam glint to these objects as the sun reflected from them. Gross was unable to give any other description nor could he judge the objects speed or altitude. No sound was made by the objects.
4. This agent interviewed Earl T. Patterson, Patrolman, Portland City Police Department, and residing at 124 Southeast 113th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Patterson advises he was a former Air Corps pilot during the war. He stated that the time the radio alert sounded, he was at Southeast 92nd and Foster Road, Portland, and upon getting out of his car he saw one disc flying in a Southwesterly direction over Portland. Patterson advised this disc was luminous in color, left no vapor trail or smoke trail and was traveling at a speed, faster than he has ever seen any flying object before. Patterson further advised, although not knowing the exact size of the object it is difficult to determine the altitude, the estimate is six altitude of 30,000 feet.

Patterson further advised the flying disc was definitely some type of aircraft but he could not give any further description as the speed of the observation difficult. He heard no sound emitted by the flying object.

To: Lt. Col. Sorenson, USA CID, Sixth Army

CC: SAN FRANCISCO

August 5, 1947

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Omaha, Nebraska

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Dear [REDACTED]

b7c flying base

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter post-marked July 10, 1947, together with its enclosure.

Inasmuch as the information which you furnished is of interest to the War Department I have taken the liberty of furnishing it to that agency for their consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION John Edgar Hoover
Director

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8-13-48 #39; constitutes the only two instances in which this office was contacted concerning flying discs. Unless contrary instructions are received from the Bureau, this office does not contemplate taking any action in connection with the above two cases, but will fully investigate all future reports concerning flying discs.

Two cases are received on the 20th of this month. This office does not plan to take any action in connection with the above two cases, but will fully investigate all future reports concerning flying discs.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. H. Ladd

DATE: August 1, 1947

FROM : J. P. Coyne

SUBJECT: MRS.

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FRGH There is attached hereto a letter received from the captioned individual postmarked July 12, 1947, concerning "flying saucers."

e There is also attached a letter of acknowledgement to [REDACTED] together with a letter to the War Department for approval.

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h It is recommended that the letter to the War Department be forwarded to the Liaison Section for transmittal to that agency.

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San Diego, California, July 8, 1947

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(For your information) A MEMORANDUM OF IMPORTANCE

THIS MEMORANDUM is respectfully addressed to certain scientists of distinction to important aeronautical and military authorities, to a number of public officials and to a few publications.

The writer has little expectation that anything of import will be accomplished by this gesture. The more fact that the data herein were obtained by so-called supernormal means is probably sufficient to insure its disregard by nearly all the persons addressed; nevertheless it seems a public duty to make it available. (The present writer has several university degrees and was formerly a university department head).

A very serious situation may develop at any time with regard to the "flying saucers." If one of these should be attacked, the attacking plane will almost certainly be destroyed. In the public mind this might create near panic and international suspicion. The principal data concerning these craft is now at hand and must be offered, no matter how fantastic and unintelligible it may seem to minds not previously instructed in thinking of this type.

1. Part of the disks carry crews, others are under remote control.
2. Their mission is peaceful. The visitors contemplate settling on this plane.
3. These visitors are human-like but much larger in size.
4. They are NOT excarnate earth people, but come from their own world.
5. They do NOT come from any "planet" as we use the word, but from an otheric planet which interpenetrates with our own and is not perceptible to us.
6. The bodies of the visitors, and the craft also, automatically "materialize" on entering the vibratory rate of our dense matter. (Cp. "apports.")
7. The disks possess a type of radiant energy, or a ray, which will easily disintegrate any attacking ship. They reenter the etheric at will, and so simply disappear from our vision, without trace.
8. The region from which they come is NOT the "astral plane", but corresponds to the Lokas or Talas. Students of esoteric matters will understand these terms.
9. They probably cannot be reached by radio, but probably can be by radar, if a signal system can be devised for that apparatus.

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THIS NEWDRAFT IS RESPECTFULLY ADDRESSED TO CERTAIN SCIENTISTS OF DISTINCTION TO IMPORTANT AERONAUTICAL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES, TO A NUMBER OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND TO A FEW PUBLICATIONS. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS NO MORE THAN THE PERSONAL OPINION OF THE WRITER AND IS NOT TO BE TAKEN AS A STATEMENT OF FACT. THE WRITER HAS BEEN TREATED WITH EVERY KINDNESS. UNLESS THE DISKS ARE WITHDRAWN, A SITUATION MEETS WHICH OUR CULTURE AND SCIENCE ARE INCAPABLE OF DEALING. A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY RESTS UPON THE HIGH AUTHORITY WHO ARE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THIS POSITION. THE WRITER HAS LITTLE EXPECTATION THAT ANYTHING OF IMPORT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THIS GESTURE. THE MORE FACT THAT THE DATA HEREIN WERE OBTAINED BY SUPERNORMAL MEANS IS PROBABLY SUFFICIENT TO INSURE ITS DISREGARD BY NEARLY ALL THE PERSONS ADDRESSED; NEVERTHELESS IT SEEMS A PUBLIC DUTY TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE. (THE PRESENT WRITER HAS SEVERAL UNIVERSITY DEGREES AND WAS FORMERLY A UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT HEAD.)

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Office Manager, [REDACTED] UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

Director, FBI

From : SAC, Norfolk

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

DATE: August 8, 1947
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Re Bureau Bulletin No. 42, dated July 30, 1947,
 Series 1947, wherein information is set forth pertaining to flying discs.

There is enclosed with this letter a newspaper clipping from the "Norfolk Ledger-Discpatch", dated August 9, 1947. The photograph appearing on "Ledger-Discpatch" date allegedly represents the photograph appearing was observed by BILLY TURRENTINE, a Norfolk school boy, who was successful in photographing the object with his camera. Who was successful in photographing the object with his small camera.

BILLY was interviewed on August 8, 1947 by Special Agent (A) [REDACTED] who advised him that BILLY informed the Special Agent (A) [REDACTED] which he had given to Mr. BROWN of the Photo original negative was given by him to a Mr. BROWN of the Photo International Service, who in turn furnished the negative to the International News Service. BILLY advised that he has an agreement with Mr. BROWN whereby the latter will share equally in any profits derived from the use of the negative by commercial firms or newspapers. As of August 9, 1947 BILLY has not received any remuneration for the use of this negative. At the time of his interview on August 8, 1947 BILLY has not received any remuneration for the use of this negative.

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He informed that he was sitting on the front porch of his apartment which is located on the third floor at 410 West 14th Street, Norfolk, Virginia, around noonime on July 8, 1947. He had read numerous newspaper articles pertaining to flying discs at his apartment which is located on the third floor of 410 West 14th Street, Norfolk, Virginia. Around noonime on July 8, 1947 BILLY observed a large, red, glowing object moving rapidly through space proceeding from the southwest towards the northeast direction. He stated the object was followed by two smaller objects which also proceeded in the same direction. BILLY explained that these objects were moving at a very fast speed which appeared to him to be much faster than the speed of an airplane, and further, that the objects appeared to be extremely high. He said that they were much higher than the average plane travels in the City of Norfolk and appeared to be above the clouds, and that a white mist followed each of the three objects. BILLY was unable to state what the black objects represented but admitted that they could have been balloons. He indicated that he has observed small, toy balloons flying through the air, but that definitely these were not the toy type balloons. He said that when he first observed the objects they were at such a great distance from him that it was not necessary to raise his head but that definitely these were not the toy type balloons. He said that when he first observed the subjects they were across the apartment building. He immediately turned around and went into his apartment building. He immediately turned around and went into his apartment building. He immediately turned around and went into his apartment building.

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Re: FLYING DISCS
Letter to Director, FBI
August 16, 1961

His camera and estimated it took him approximately twenty to thirty seconds, etc., in order to get the disc directly over his apartment and it was necessary that he stoop and look up almost perpendicular in order to obtain the photograph which accounts for the porch railing being shown in the newspaper clipping. BILLY pointed out that the day on which he took the picture, the weather was hazy and somewhat cloudy and there was a slight breeze blowing from the southwest in the general direction of the northeast, which is the same direction traveled by the black image which he photographed. Inasmuch as the Army authorities in the Tidewater Area of Virginia are cognizant of the above information, no further investigation will be conducted by this office in this matter.

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TODAY RECENT REQUESTING TELETYPE SUMMARY CONCERNING NEWSPAPER REPORTS

OF ARMY OFFICIALS FLYING PORTLAND IN CONCERNING FLYING DISCS

THE OREGONIAN, ADVISED THAT A CAPTAIN WILLIAM L. DAVIDSON AND LT. FRANK M. BROWN OF FOURTH AAF HEADQUARTERS SAN FRANCISCO WERE IN PORTLAND JULY TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND INTERVIEWED AN EXPERIENCED PILOT, WHO HAD REPORTED JUNE FOURTEEN 670 LAST SEEING A FORMATION OF TEN FLYING DISCS OVER BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THEY HAD ALSO INTERVIEWED FOLLOWING FOUR EXPERIENCED PILOTS WHO WERE AMONG FIRST WHO REPORTED SEEING DISCS -

[REDACTED] TO ASCERTAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE INTERVIEWS [REDACTED] CONTACTED MAJOR GENERAL TWINING INDEXED 162-13894-43 OF WRIGHT FIELD, OHIO BY PHONE AT ALBUQUERQUE, NM, AND FROM HIM GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE AAF INSTITUTE THIS INVESTIGATION TO WASH OUT THE DISC REPORTS, SINCE THEY ARE DEFINITELY NOT OF AAF ORIGIN ON FRIDAY, AUGUST FIRST, THE PLANE IN WHICH AAF INVESTIGATORS CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LT. BROWN WERE RIDING, CRASHED AT KELSO, WASH. AND BOTH

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WERE KILLED. THE WRECKAGE WAS SCREENED BY AAF INTELLIGENCE FROM MCCHORD FIELD. THE TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE AND THROUGH THE^M THE UNITED PRESS PUT OUT A STORY THE PLANE WAS CARRYING PARTS OF A DISC WHICH HAD STRUCK A BOAT OWNED BY HAROLD DAHL AND FRED CRISMAN , TACOMA, WN.

b7c [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT TODAYS ISSUE OF THE OREGONIAN CARRIES A UP STOR STATING THAT DAHL DENIES SAYING THE METAL FRAGMENTS HE FURNISHED WERE FROM A DISC, AND ANALYSIS OF THE FRAGMENTS SHOWS THEM TO BE FROM A TACOMA SLAG MILL. NO AAF INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL AVAILABLE PORTLAND. NO RECENT SUBSTANTIVE REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS IN THE PORTLAND AREA. SEATTLE VERIFY AT MCCHORD FIELD AND SAN FRANCISCO VERIFY AT AAF HDQRTS. SF, SUBMITTING TELETYPE SUMMARIES TO THE BUREAU. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION PORTLAND.

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TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: August 6, 1947

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SUBJECT:

FLYING SAUCERS

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Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Liaison Section contacted Lieutenant Colonel [REDACTED], Army Air Forces Intelligence, inquiring about an article which appeared in the West Coast newspapers recently stating in substance that an airplane carrying recovered flying saucers had crashed in the Pacific Ocean near the West Coast. The Lieutenant Colonel from Portland, Oregon, Forces, was Antidotes, inquiring about a [REDACTED] article in the West Coast papers recently stating substance that a plane carrying recovered saucers had crashed in route from Portland, Oregon, to Los Angeles, California. It was advised that the information that a CIC Agent of the 4th Air Forces Headquarters, Hamilton Field, San Francisco, was killed in an airplane crash. The Headquarters of the Air Forces have been advised that he has on a top secret mission. It is indicated that he was killed in an airplane crash. The Headquarters of the Air Forces have been advised that the CIC Agent of the 4th Air Forces, Hamilton Field, San Francisco, was killed in an airplane crash. The Headquarters of the Air Forces have been advised that the CIC Agent was en route to [REDACTED] to interview with [REDACTED]. One of the individuals who first saw [REDACTED] suggested that the San Francisco Field Office contact Colonel [REDACTED] of the Air Forces that the Air Forces [REDACTED] for undoubtedly would be able to furnish the details regarding this matter.

At a time, [REDACTED] pointed out to [REDACTED] however, that it was his belief that no flying saucers have been recovered but that it was merely an attempt to reinterview [REDACTED] who previously had recontacted him. It was also pointed out to [REDACTED] that it was his belief that flying

Sent: @d S. uggersoppe, FBI - San Francisco [REDACTED]

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To : Director of Intelligence
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* From : Special Agent in Charge, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject : **The Thompson**

There are attached hereto copies of a letter received from the above-captioned individual concerning "flying saucers."

From : John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation
advised that copies of her letter have been furnished to you for your consideration.

There are attached:

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In On 1 July 1947, Lt William G. Armstrong, USA, W-5501, F-40715
Student, 11114-19114, Chandler, Arizona, was interviewed by
this Agent, and stated in substance: That on 20 June 1947, at about
0930, MST, he was flying at 25,000 feet over Grand Canyon, Arizona, in
SP-5000 type aircraft. He stated that he was heading south towards Williams
Field, Arizona, when he saw two round objects going at inconceivable '
' speeds, eastward. His teacher stated that his reactions were to
turning away from the objects. He further stated that some of the uniden-
tifiable objects followed the others and sported. He further stated
that due to the speed of these objects, he could only see that they were
shoulders and they were possibly light gray in color. He further
stated that it was his opinion that the objects were approximately
eight feet in diameter. In conclusion, he stated that the objects
would have probably hit the ground approximately twenty-five miles
south of the South Rim of Grand Canyon, Arizona.
would have probably hit the ground between Moqui and Oraibi, Arizona. Silos
South of Moqui. Lt Armstrong gave his permanent address as R.A.M.T.C.,
Point Hugo, Fort Huachuca, Calif.
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Point Hugo, Fort Huachuca, Calif. '

2. On 1 July 1947, Captain Malco G. Armstrong, 0-734168,
Instructor, Single engine, Illinois Field, Chandler, Arizona, was
interviewed by this Agent and stated in substance: That his brother,
Capt. E. B. Armstrong, was stationed at 101, 10th A-1, Brooks Field, Texas
Interviewed by this Agent, and stated in substance: That his brother,
Capt. E. B. Armstrong, was stationed at 101, 10th A-1, Brooks Field, Texas
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Wm. D. Ladd, W.

FROM [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

Miscellaneous

V DATE: July 7, 1947

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TEN & HMM
THURSDAY 39,

SAC Weeks called from New Orleans on the matter discussed in the attached teletype. He wanted to know what policy the Bureau was following concerning these "flying discs" which were being received.

I told Mr. Weeks that, unless advised to the contrary, he should, in his particular case at hand, allow G-2 to handle and not take any jurisdiction for the particular case at hand. He was told that if he did not have time to handle it, he should attach it to his file and forward it to the Bureau of the object - in connection with reports concerning it. He was also advised that if any investigative responsibility, if any were entailed, would fall on him. Mr. Weeks said he would handle unless I called him back immediately with instructions for specific action. As you will recall, you were advised to do the foregoing. of developments, and in copies of the photographs he said he would make of the object round, but that he should allow himself to be "locked into" a position where if any were entailed, he would be immediately with instructions for specific action.

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TO: Ojiji Mac, so§;zncluNTEB1Q'GOVERNFROM: DIRECTOR, FBI
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]DATE: JULY 22, 1947
on July 22, 1947.

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[REDACTED] has come to the resident agency at Santa Fe, New Mexico on several occasions to report that she has received information concerning flying objects passing through the air. Some of the reports that she has received concern light objects [REDACTED] have allegedly been followed by New Mexico on several occasions. She advised that she has received information concerning flying objects passing through the air. Some of the reports that she has received concern light objects [REDACTED] have allegedly been followed by others, were seen near [REDACTED] objects seen at night which have allegedly been followed by lesions. She advised that [REDACTED] of such objects was reported by others, were seen near [REDACTED] objects seen in New Mexico and other parts of the country. [REDACTED] called attention to clipping from various newspapers concerning "disc-like" objects seen in New Mexico and other parts of the country appearing over Sweden some time ago.

[REDACTED] claims to be a student at a college in Sweden and contends that the above mentioned objects may be missiles similar to those appearing over Sweden some time ago. [REDACTED] has discussed the use, with officials of the Atomic Energy Commission, and has written the Secretary of War and other government officials concerning her theories.

[REDACTED] has discussed above mentioned objects with officials of the Atomic Energy Commission and has mentioned to [REDACTED] that they are of interest. She has mentioned to agents of this office that [REDACTED] has written to WALTER WINCHELL, promising his safety in connection with the "flying discs." [REDACTED] advised that she had written to WALTER WINCHELL promising his safety in connection with the "flying discs." [REDACTED] has written to several government officials and Mr. WINCHELL.

B C The foregoing information submitted to Bureau has also been submitted to Mr. JINCI-ELL.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. IADD
FROM : E. G. Fitch

DATE: 7/24/47

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Woodrow
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Marshall
Mr. Quinn
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Reference is made to my memorandum of your matter dated July 10, 1947, indicating that Brigadier General George Schulgen of the Army Air Corps Intelligence had requested that the Bureau cooperate with the Army Air Corps Intelligence in connection with the above subject. In his memorandum, General Schulgen referred to my referenced memorandum, "I would do it but before agreeing to it we must insist upon full access to discs recovered. For instance in the case the Army grabbed it and would not let us have it for cursory examination."

- & #39; 39 Reference is made to my memorandum of the above matter dated July 10, 1947, indicating that Brigadier General George Schulgen of the Army Air Corps Intelligence had requested that the Bureau cooperate with the Army Air Corps Intelligence in connection with the above subject. General Schulgen indicated to [REDACTED] that he desired to assure Mr. Hoover of complete cooperation in this matter and stated that he would issue captioned letter to the Director noting on the referenced memorandum its provisions to the field directing that all cooperation be furnished to the FBI and that all discs recovered be made available for the examination by discs recovered. For instance in the case the Army grabbed it and would not let us have it for cursory examination.

- & #39; 39 General Schulgen pointed out to [REDACTED] that he will from time to time make the results of the studies of his scientists available to the Bureau for the assistance of the FBI Field Offices. General Schulgen indicated to [REDACTED] that there has been a decrease in the reported sightings of the discs which might be because of the fact that it has lost much of its publicity value. He indicated, however, that he believed it necessary to follow this matter closely in order to keep as possible information to facts seen and to determine their origin. With Direct or & #39;s notation. W

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- General Schulgen indicated to [REDACTED] that he believed that there was a possibility that this entire matter might have been started by subversive individuals for the purpose of creating a mass hysteria. He suggested that the Bureau keep this in mind in any interviews conducted regarding reported sightings. General Schulgen stated to [REDACTED] that he would make available to the Bureau all information in his possession of the Air Corps regarding the sightings which he has lost. He indicated, however, that the Bureau could conduct some investigation regarding these individuals to ascertain their motives for reporting that they had observed flying discs. When General Schulgen makes the information available regarding these individuals, it will be promptly brought to your attention.

- General Schulgen inquired method by which the Bureau would make the information obtained from the Bureau's inquiries known to the Air Corps, in the Field as well as at the War Department level. He indicated that the Bureau Field Offices maintain close liaison with the various Armies as well as close liaison with the Intelligence Division of the War Department.

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MEMORANDUM FOR D. M. (IND)

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July 30, 1947

Brooklyn 27, New York

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I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 14, 1947, and to express my appreciation to you for bringing this matter to my attention.

The information set forth in your letter has been carefully reviewed and is being maintained in this Bureau as a matter of record.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: [REDACTED] has been a previous correspondent with the Bu file [REDACTED]. No record could be located in the Crime Records Section indication that the correspondent might be a mental case.

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JULY 30, 1947
FBI - NEW YORK

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
58 HAWTHORPE AVENUE, BROOKLYN 27, NEW YORK
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Sincerely yours,

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Brooklyn, NY 1947
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief, of the F.B.I.
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Dear Sir;

Please forgive me for taking up your time, with this item. It really
necessary. Yet, although everybody's tongue was wagging from the East and to the
west coast, I couldn't resist putting my oar in.

Flying Saucers in the Sky. Heading for the Milky Way. Funny? I don't know.

We read and read and read. "Sky Disc Derby Open to All" - "Calls "Saucers" Tri
of Vision" - "Believe it or not, 27 States see those flying saucers" - "Who saw the
Saucers? 40 States in the Game" - "Celestial Dishes sought between the Raindrop
'Wind Disk' is weather kite" - "Disks called chunks of Mirage" - "Report new Red
planes resemble 'Flying Saucers'" - "Air-liner crew reports seeing 9 flying dis
' or 12 minutes". That's the way it went on, for days and days.

Please, don't remind me that this is a military problem. Soldiers fight the
enemy out in the open and away from home if possible. The Federal Agents (the un
' ' ' Washington, D.C. heroes) fight the enemy under cover and in their home grounds. So here I am.

These so-called saucers may be kites but according to reports, these things
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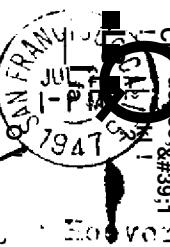
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD
Ornnmrnunusn
FROM : E. G. Pitch

DATE: 7/10/47

SUBJECT: ~~RE~~ ~~MEMORANDUM~~To : ~~RE~~ #104 DAD

At request of ~~RE~~ Major General George F. Schulgen, Chief of the Requirements Intelligence Branch of Army Air Corps Intelligence Special Agent ~~RE~~ discussed the above captioned matter with him July 9, 1947. General Schulgen indicated to ~~RE~~ that the Air Corps has taken the attitude that every effort must be undertaken in order to get down and ascertain whether or not the flying disks are a fact and, if so, to get down all about them. According to General Schulgen, the Air Corps Intelligence is utilizing all of their facilities in order to ascertain whether or not such #39;phenomenon~~RE~~ exists. General Schulgen further indicated that the Bureau's Intelligence Branch of the Air Corps Intelligence phenomenon "air disk" may be discussed by each branch in turn for advice and information. Special Agent ~~RE~~ may be addressed by each branch in turn for advice and information.

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General Schulgen advised ~~RE~~ that the possibility exists that the first ~~RE~~ General Schulgen also indicated flying disks that all Air Corps installations had been started, personnel had reported sightings to potential witnesses. General Schulgen further stated that an Air Corps pilot who believed that he saw one of these objects was originally might have been by ~~RE~~ General Schulgen commercial sympathy with the view to chologists and than ~~RE~~ was ~~RE~~ in this claim. that he saw a flying disk,

General Schulgen indicated to ~~RE~~ that the possibility exists of having all the angles covered in this matter. He stated that reports from the Bureau of Investigation will be available to the Bureau of Investigation in locating and questioning the individuals who first sighted the so-called flying disks in order to ascertain whether or not these statements are true. Subsequent sightings might be the result of hysteria and prompted by ~~RE~~ General Schulgen further stated that if the first sightings were made by ~~RE~~ General Schulgen had the view to causing hysteria and fear of secret Russian weapon which could in any way be tied up with the flying disks. General Schulgen indicated to ~~RE~~ that if the Bureau would cooperate in this matter that he desired the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in locating and questioning the individuals who first sighted the so-called flying disks in order to ascertain whether or not they are sincere in their statements that they saw these disks. or whether their

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

[redacted] also discussed this matter with [redacted] of M[ed] [redacted] indicated that it was his attitude that inasmuch as it has been established that the flying disks are not the result of any Army or Navy experiments, the matter is of interest to the FBI. He stated that he was of the opinion that the Bureau, if at all possible, should accede to General Schulgen's request. b7c

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① FLYING DISCS SIGHTED BY [REDACTED]

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A [REDACTED] DID NOT ADMIT TO [REDACTED] THAT HIS STORY WAS A HOAX BUT ONLY

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You should investigate each instance which is brought to your attention of a sighting of a flying disc in order to ascertain whether or not it is a bona fide sighting, an imaginary one or a prank. You should also bear in mind that individuals might report seeing flying discs for various reasons. It is conceivable that an individual might be desirous of seeking personal publicity, causing hysteria or playing a prank.

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The Bureau should be notified immediately by teletype of all reported sightings and the results of your inquiries. In instances where the report appears to have merit, the teletype should be followed by a letter to the Bureau containing in detail the results of your inquiries. The Army Air Forces have assured the Bureau complete cooperation in these matters and in any instances where they fail to make information available to you or make the recovered discs available for your examination, it should promptly be brought to the attention of the Bureau.

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[REDACTED] b7C
Darlington, South Carolina

Dear [REDACTED] b7C

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your Western Union telegram dated July 6, 1947. Your interest in bringing this information to my attention is greatly appreciated.

Inasmuch as the contents of your telegram appear to be of interest to the War Department only, I have taken the liberty of turning this information over to that Department.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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[REDACTED] b7c
San Marcos, Texas;

P#39 Dear [REDACTED] b7c

"I wish to acknowledge the interest you have shown in our work, and I hope that your continued interest in our efforts to bring about a better understanding of the situation will be greatly appreciated.

In view of the content of your letter, I hope to be of interest to the Department of Justice, I have taken the liberty of transmitting the information you furnished by you to the Department.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. F. P. 11

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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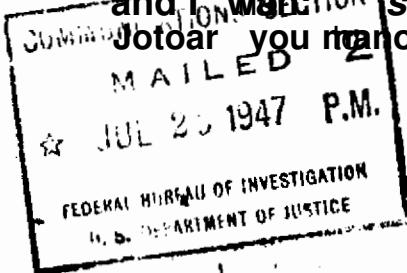
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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better go into your wastebasket than ours. It contains by
your department the following set of [REDACTED] in value.
I presume several thousand such unscientific mailings may
have numberless duplicates. I will risk that.

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Dear Sir: tions are harbingers of a better day?

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Do you believe it means that a new and revolutionary
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Office Mem. Oandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

DATE: July 18, 1947

SUBJECT: "FLYING SAUCERS"
EDWIN M. BAILEY, JR.
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, INFORMANT
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT

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For the information of the Bureau this is to advise that on July 7, 1947, [REDACTED] Stamford, Connecticut, appeared at the Stamford Resident Agent's office and furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] SAC, new mm [REDACTED] prefaced his remarks by stating that he is a scientist by occupation and is currently employed at the American Cyanamid Research Laboratories on West Main Street in Stamford, Connecticut, in the Physics Division. [REDACTED] further indicated that during the war he was employed at MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the Radiation Laboratory which Laboratory is connected with the Manhattan Project. [REDACTED] advised that he is thirty years of age and is a graduate of the University of Arizona.

For the information of the Bureau this is to advise that on July 7, 1947, [REDACTED] stated that the topic of [REDACTED] self had a personal theory concerning the "flying saucers". Prior to arriving at his own theory [REDACTED] immediately stated the conclusion of World War II, a friend of his, [REDACTED] allegedly observed the "flying saucers" in the sky over New York City. [REDACTED] Division that apparently at that time [REDACTED] indicated that during the war he was employed at MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the Radiation Laboratory which laboratory [REDACTED] thirty years of age and is a graduate of the University of Arizona or atom bombs which are circling the orbit of the earth and which could be controlled by radio and direct that they land on any target. [REDACTED] others had discussed the possibility of the "flying saucers" being controlled by radio and directed to land on any designated target. [REDACTED] command concerning the flying saucers indicated that he himself had interest in the personally his observation in the fact that the "flying saucers" from an observatory in Milan and Bologna, Italy. He stated that apparently at that time the "flying saucers" had caused little damage to property in Italy. [REDACTED] the "flying saucers" have been observed in Mexico City, New Orleans, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Halifax, Newfoundland, Paris, Belgrade, and Yugoslavia as far as Albania placing them in the neighborhood of the earth.

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Letter to the DIRECTOR, FBI
Re: "FLYING SAUCERS"

July 18, 1947

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, INFORMANT
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT

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[REDACTED] further stated that he had recently talked with [REDACTED]
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65 Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles
SUBJECT: RECOVERY OF "FLYING DISC",
E.O. Director, FBI

DATE: July 17, 1947

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Director, FBI

July 17, 1947

Re: RECOVERY OF "FLYING DISC",
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA,
JULY 9, 1947

On the following day, July 10, 1947, one [REDACTED] North Hollywood, reported that on this morning he was at the North Hollywood Service Station eating at which time there was considerable talk about the flying disc having been found in the vicinity. A number of what appeared to be young high school students were present and were having quite a laugh about the excitement caused by the finding of the disc. [REDACTED] stated that he received a definite impression that these young students either had themselves or knew of someone who had been working for the past two weeks making this "flying disc". [REDACTED] was unable to furnish the names of any of these young men but identified one of them who was making the statements as being employed in a Chevron Service Station at the corner of Victory Boulevard and Whitsett Street.

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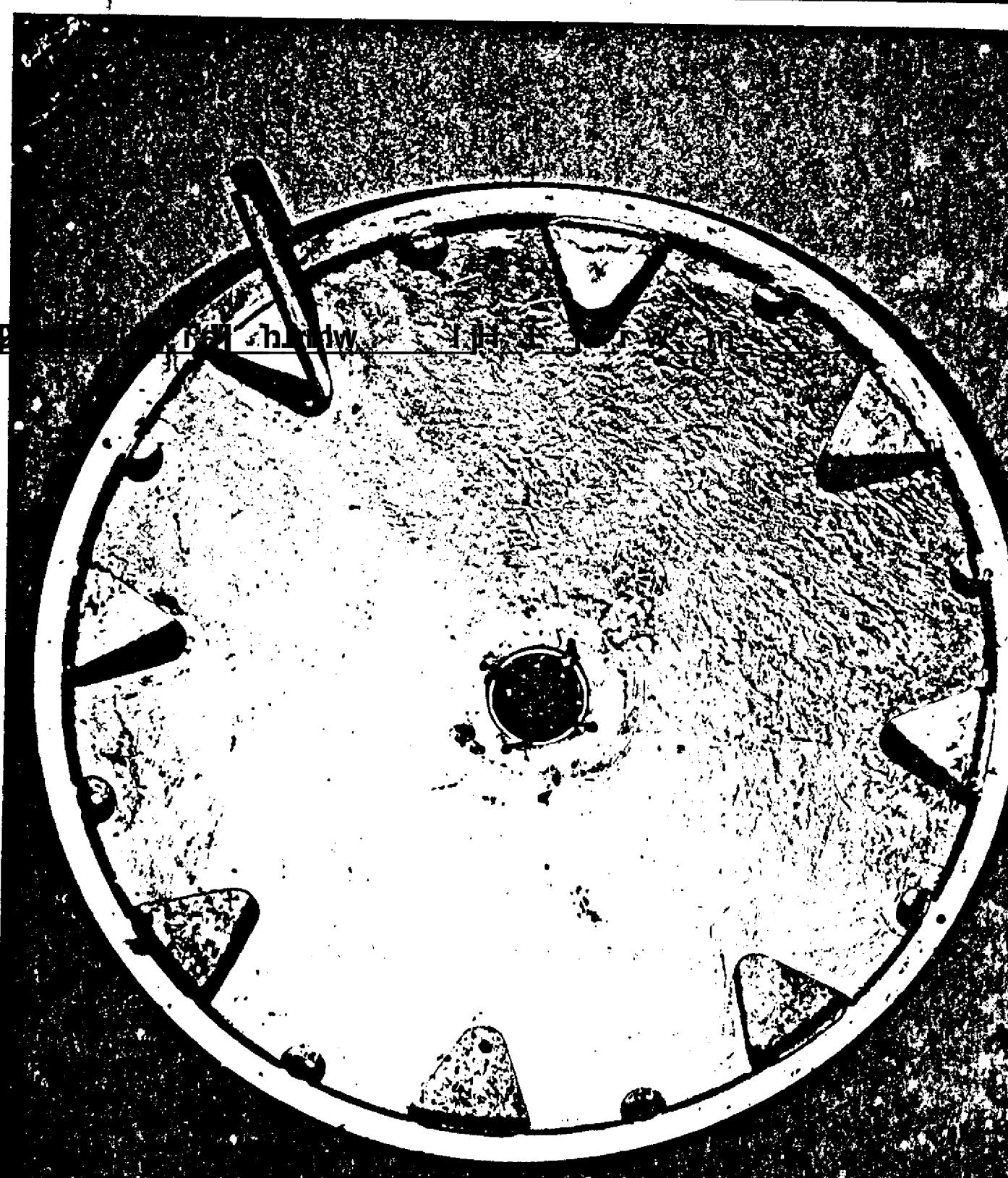
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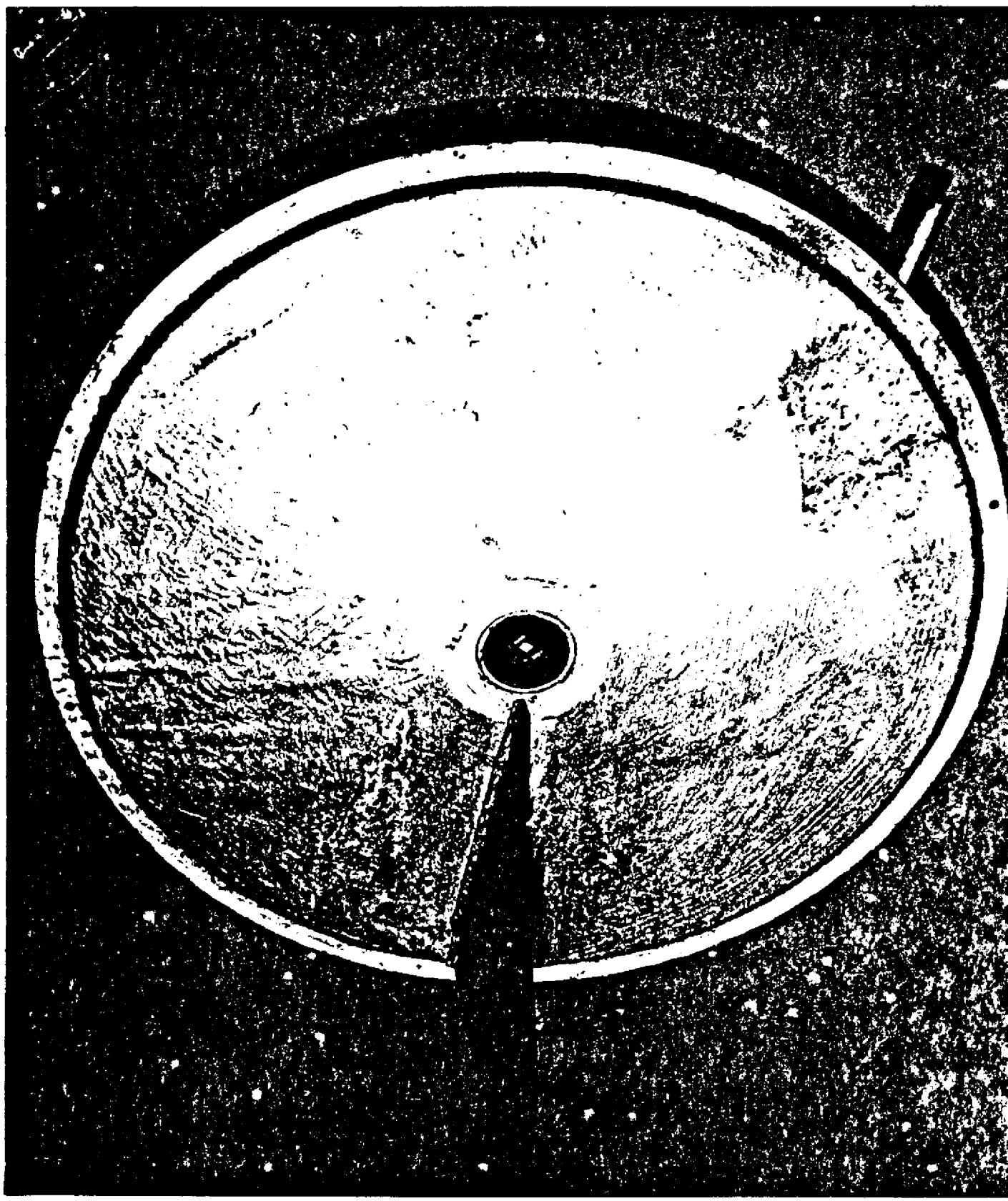
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TO: [REDACTED] M6
Mr. LaddFROM : [REDACTED] b7c
to: [REDACTED] £1? -
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS (F1SCS)

SUBJECT: INFORMATION CONCERNING DT5351

-UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

July 10,
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At 5:45 AM this date, SAC Hood telephonically contacted the Bureau and advised at approximately 11:30 PM, July 9, 1947, the office in Los Angeles had received information from the Resident Agent at Burbank, California, that a "flying disc" had landed in or near Burbank and had been seen to burst into flame when it landed. Further, that it had been the cause of a fire in some woods, this fire either in Burbank or possibly in the city limits of Los Angeles, which Mr. Hood could not be certain. The fire chief at Burbank had called the resident agent at Burbank and told him he would hold the disc for him. In Los Angeles had received information from the Resident Agent at Burbank, California, that a flying disc had landed in or near Burbank and been seen to burst into flame when it landed. Further, that it had been the cause of a fire in some woods, this fire either in Burbank or possibly in the city limits of Los Angeles, which Mr. Hood could not be certain. The fire chief at Burbank had called the resident agent at Burbank and told him he would hold the disc for him.

HOOD TO F1SCS MSG 7/10

Coincident with the information received from Burbank, the Los Angeles Office received calls from the newspapers requesting information. The newspapers stating they had called the Army Air Force Intelligence who had stated we are at Burbank. Had called the resident agent at Burbank and told him he would hold the disc for him. According to Mr. Hood, this comment had aroused the newspapers and they stated they intended to publish this quotation and belabor same in their first issues. Mr. Hood stated that he had refrained from making any statement to the press other than to admit possession of an object and that it was being turned over to military authorities in the morning (this AM) it being Mr. Hood's opinion that he did not want any quotes in the press and certainly not one to the effect that we were not interested. According to Mr. Hood, this comment had aroused the newspapers and they stated they intended to publish this quotation and belabor same in their first issues. Mr. Hood stated that he had refrained from making any statement to the press other than to admit possession of an object and that it was being turned over to military authorities in the morning (this AM) it being Mr. Hood's opinion that he did not want any quotes in the press and certainly not one to the effect that we were not interested.

As described to him, Mr. Hood stated that the object was an aluminum disc about 2 ft in diameter weighing about ten pounds painted with aluminum paint and having some sort of a radio tube in the center of the disc. This object was in possession of the resident agent at Burbank and would be turned over to the military authorities (G-2) in Los Angeles this morning.

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Mr. Hood's purpose in calling was to place the Bureau on notice regarding the above described object and any further information would be transmitted to the Bureau at once.

Action: None indicated.

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INDEXED I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter postmarked July 7, 1947.
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b... John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Chicago (With incoming. There is no identifiable information in the Bureau's
files concerning the writer of this letter. Despite the fact that
the letter refers to "flying discs", it is not believed that the
writer is connected with the Bureau.)

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Wash. D.C.

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Seems to us with all the enemies we have, even within our borders, it could be something far more important than may seem at first. I had 2 sons in this war & another who over-did for his America - & we do want it really protected from danger from now on. Enough are dead & maimed - with-out losing out now as it easily could be. Why have the papers carried that story if reporters were made to see how much more sensible not to report - it except to the F.B.I.

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